

non-shot as shall leave him houseless.—How now, mi trompeter! art thou nodding? Wake me thy bugle, and let the sleepers look on the white clouds!"

A trumpeter, who stood ready at the base of the turret, instantly wound a loud blast on his instrument. It was answered immediately by others from every part of the court and the building; and, as if by magic, the dead silence of the palace was straightway exchanged for the loud din and confusion of thousands rising and springing to their arms. During this tumult Cortez descended from the turret.

Don Amador, fascinated by the spectacle, for now, the light of dawn, increasing every moment, fully convinced the most skeptical, that countless barbarians were thronging in the streets, and advancing against the palace, remained for a time on the terrace in company with others, surveying their approach, and kindling into ardor. The four streets were blocked up with their dusky bodies, for they seemed nearly naked; and answering the drums and bugles of the Spaniards with the hollow sound of their huge tabours, and the roaring yells of great cohorts, and adding to these the uproar of their voices, and, what greatly amazed the neophyte, the shrill and piercing din of loud whistling, they pressed onwards, not fast indeed, but fearlessly, until they began to pour like a flood upon the open square. Nevertheless, and notwithstanding their very menacing appearance, not a bow was yet bent, nor a stone or dart discharged against the Christians; and they were arraying or rather grouping themselves (for they seemed to preserve no peculiar order) about the square, as if rather to support some peaceable demand with a show of strength, than to make an absolute attack, when the neophyte beheld Don Hernando, clad in complete armor, spring upon a cannon, and thence to the top of the wall, and wave his hand towards them with an air of imposing dignity. The vast herds stilled their cries, and immediately Malintzin, guarded by two soldiers who held shields before her, was seen to ascend and stand by the side of her master.

"Ask me these hounds," cried the General, with a voice that seemed meant by its loudness to strike the infidels with awe, "wherefore they leave their beds, and come, like howling wolves, to disturb me in my dwelling? What is their desire? and wherefore have they not come with baskets of corn, rather than with slings and arrows?"

The clear voice of Dona Marina was instantly heard addressing the multitude, and was followed by a shout such as may come from three a thousand men, wherein, and among other inexplicable sounds, Don Amador heard the word "Tlatonli!" Tlatonli! repeated with accents in which entirely seemed mingled with fury. He could not discover the meaning of these cries from the imperfect Castilian, and the low voice, with which Malintzin interpreted them. But he could conjecture their significance by the reply of Cortez.

"Tell the traitorous dogs," he exclaimed, sternly, "that their princes have avowed themselves the vassals of my master, the great monarch of Spain; that their lord and king, Montezuma, is my friend and contented guest, and will therefore remain in my dwelling. Tell them, also, he charges them to disperse, throw by their arms, and return laden with corn and meat. And add, moreover, that, if they do not immediately obey this command, the thunders which God has given me to punish them, shall be let loose upon them, and scatter their corpses and their city into the air. Tell me them this, and plainly, and, hark! ye, cannoners! stand fast to your linestocks!"

No sooner was this haughty and threatening answer made known to the barbarians, than they uttered a yell so loud and universal that the palace, and the earth under it, seemed to shake with the din; and immediately every quarter of the edifice was covered with arrows, stones, and other missiles, shot off with extraordinary violence and fury.

Don Amador prepared to descend, but paused an instant to observe the effect of the artillery, for he heard the strong tones of the General shouting "Now cannoners! to your duty, and show yourselves men!" The very island trembled, when 12 cannon, discharged nearly at the same moment, opened their fiery throats, and aimed full among the multitude, poured innumerable death into their ranks. The island trembled, but not so the naked barbarians of Tenochtitlan. If the screams of a thousand wretches, mangled by that explosion, rose on the morning air, they were speedily drowned by the war-cries of survivors; and before the smoke had cleared away, the bloody gaps were filled and the infuriated multitudes were rushing with savage intrepidity full upon the mouths of the artillery.

Don Amador hesitated no longer. He ran down the staircase, paused a moment at the side of Calavar, whom he found raving in a low delirium, for he was burned by fever,—passed only long enough to charge Marco not to leave him, no, not even for a moment,—and snatching up and rapidly donning the remaining pieces of his armor, immediately found himself in the courtyard among the combatants.

To be continued.

EDITORIAL NOTE.—Tremendous fighting ensues, and the Spaniards soon become hard pressed by the Aztecs.

Cautious Criticism.
Youth's Companion.

Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, used to say that the negro was too shrewd to compromise himself, even when he was seeking information on a point of intense personal interest.

A gentleman from Boston was at a hotel in Charlestown, W. Va., in 1859, during John Brown's hurried trial. In the early morning, before the guest had risen, a negro came into the room to kindle his fire. The excitement concerning Brown was then at its height, and the negro, knowing that the guest was from the North, naturally wished to get his opinion on the case. Yet he was not sure whether it would be safe to disclose his own views.

"Massa," said he, "yer hear 'bout dis man, John Brown, dey's tryin' hyar?" "O, yes, I've heard about him." "What dey goin' to do wid him?" "O, they'll convict him." "Convict him. What den?" "They'll hang him, sure as fate." There was as yet no sign of the North-erner's sympathies. The negro waited a moment, and then asked, cautiously: "Massa, wouldn't dat be a tiddle abrupt?"

The Fair Filipino's Bridal Furore.

When a Philippine lady of better class married she sometimes wears as her wedding dress a costume of native manufacture that reaches in value up into four figures. It takes months to make a handkerchief or a sleeve, so microscopic and delicate is the fabric.

The Grand Prize—See page 1.

Take a hint and go to work for one of the Unabridged Dictionaries described on page 1. The indications so far are that a very small club will get one.

The German Navy.

Editor National Tribune: I wish to ask a question to settle a dispute, which answer at your earliest convenience. Germany claims, I think, to have as good or better navy than ours. Now, was she ever in a naval engagement, or how does she know? I do not remember of ever reading of Germany having a fight on water.—Jos. Robinson, Co. B, 14th Pa. Cav., Yates Center, Kan.

Germany has a very good navy, of about the same "paper" strength as ours. We assume that it is very good, because the Germans are in the habit of doing things thoroughly and well, and since they started in to have a navy they have the disposition, money, and ability to make it first class. But that is as far as we can go, for a navy, like an army, has to be tested by actual battle before judgment can be passed on it, and the German navy has so far never fired a hostile shot. If it was the Dutch it would be different, for the Dutch have shown themselves to be great sailors and fighters. We believe that the Germans will also, if they get into a war; but, again, they may not.

The French were always fine soldiers, and they built the best warships in the world, which the English proceeded to take away from them as fast as they could get at them. The Italians did some great things in the way of building great warships with bigger guns than any other Nation had, but the Austrians defeated them most shamefully. Sea-fighting seems to require peculiar qualities, which so far have only been possessed in their highest form by the Americans, British, Dutch, Danes, Swedes, and Norwegians. Whether the Germans and Russians have those qualities remains to be demonstrated.—Editor National Tribune.

What Actors are Paid.

Scribner's.

The salaries of actors and actresses vary so much that no fixed prices can be quoted. It may suffice to say that the salary list of a stock house will not come to less than \$1,000 a week, and is often considerably more. The salaries in the "front" are about as follows: Business manager, \$60 to \$75 a week; box office man, \$30; assistant, \$15; two doorkeepers \$8 to \$12 each; head usher, \$8; other ushers (three or four), \$7; lithograph men (two), \$15; night to watchman, \$10. The salaries of the attaches of the stage are all fixed at union rates. Furthermore, the manager must employ three men on a side—that is, three stage hands on each side of the stage, including the stage carpenter and his assistant—and two fly men, men who work the curtain and drops up in the "flies," the regions above the stage. The union rates are as follows: Stage carpenter, \$20 a week; assistant, \$25; electrician, \$25; assistant, \$15; property man, \$25; assistant, \$15; back doorkeeper, \$7; stage-hands, \$1.50 for each performance, \$2.50 per day for putting on a play, 50 cents an hour for rehearsals, and 62½ cents an hour for all labor half an hour after the fall of the final curtain. Orchestra leaders get \$49 to \$59 a week, and the union rate for musicians is \$25, except in operettas, when it is \$4 a performance.

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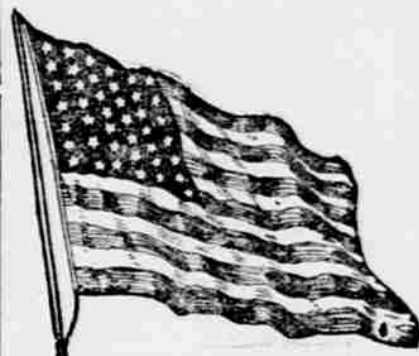
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A. H. Nichols.

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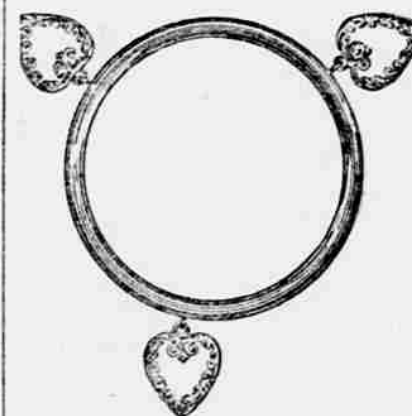
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